

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF GRAFTON SPECIAL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING June 20, 2020

MINUTES

The Special Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Grafton was held on Saturday, June 20, 2020 on the football field of the Grafton High School at 9:00 a.m. Additional seating was available in the gymnasium of the Grafton High School for attendees with mobility issues or those who could not sit out on the field in the sun. The original date of Monday, May 11, 2020 was postponed due to COVID-19.

A check-in station was set-up in the basketball court of the Grafton High School. Residents of Grafton who are registered to vote received a green wrist band upon checking in and informed to wear it on their right wrist to facilitate easier vote counting during the meeting.

The Moderator opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Tim McInerney, Town Administrator, presented Raymond Mead, Town Moderator, with a plaque and spoke briefly thanking Raymond for his service to Grafton. Raymond is retiring as Town Moderator and this was his last meeting. Representative David Muradian also spoke briefly thanking Raymond for his service to Grafton and provided a citation.

Town Clerk, Kandy Lavallee, read the return of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1. ADJUST FY20 BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following budget transfers for the purpose of adjusting certain line items within the FY20 operating budget:

AMOUNT	TRANSFER FROM	TRANSFER TO
\$40,000.00	Police Personnel	Police Expenses
\$10,000.00	Police Personnel	Police Equipment
\$5,000.00	Fire Personnel	Select Board Personnel
\$15,000.00	Fire Personnel	MIS/GIS Expenses
\$5,000.00	Fire Personnel	Municipal Center Personnel
\$1,000.00	Fire Personnel	Building Expenses
\$2,000.00	Fire Personnel	Board of Health Personnel
\$15,000.00	Fire Personnel	Unclassified Personnel
\$17,000.00	Fire Personnel	Elections & Registration Expenses

\$7,500.00	Fire Personnel	Elections & Registration Personnel
\$25,696.00	Recreation Seasonal Personnel	Recreation Expenses
\$5,700.00	Council on Aging Personnel	Council on Aging Expenses
\$15,000.00	Highway Personnel	Highway Expenses
\$5,000.00	Highway Personnel	Engineering Expenses
\$45,000.00	Town Insurance	Medicare/FICA

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Select Board Member Thomas: I move that the Town vote to approve the following budget transfers for the purpose of adjusting certain line items within the FY20 operating budget:

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\$15,000.00	Highway Personnel	Highway Expenses
\$5,000.00	Highway Personnel	Engineering Expenses
\$45,000.00	Town Insurance	Medicare/FICA

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 2. BALANCE FY20 SNOW & ICE ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$80,000 from the Streetlight Account #1.800.6122.6222 and transfer \$7,887 from free cash, for the purposes of balancing the FY20 Snow & Ice Account.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Select Board Member DeFazio: I move that the town vote to transfer \$80,000 from the Streetlight Account #1.800.6122.6222 and transfer \$7,887 from free cash, for the purposes of balancing the FY20 Snow & Ice Account.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 3. AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF PRIOR FISCAL YEAR BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$739.32 from free cash to pay the following prior fiscal year bills:

\$251.25 to Applied Geographics

\$228.19 to Verizon

\$110 to Mikes Mobile

\$149.88 to Gatehouse Media

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Select Board Member Carlson: I move that the town vote to transfer \$739.32 from free cash to pay the following prior fiscal year bills:

\$251.25 to Applied Geographics

\$228.19 to Verizon

\$110 to Mikes Mobile

\$149.88 to Gatehouse Media

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required nine-tenths vote.

ARTICLE 4. SICK AND VACATION BUYBACK

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$10,000 from free cash to fund the sick and vacation buyback account.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Select Board Member Prisby: I move that the town vote to transfer \$10,000 from free cash to fund the sick and vacation buyback account.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 5. CPC – AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$53,957 from the CPA Affordable Housing Reserve account to the Grafton Affordable Housing Trust, to be used in accordance with CPA guidelines for community housing.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Motion was made by Select Board Member Stock: I move that the town vote to transfer \$53,957 from the CPA Affordable Housing Reserve account to the Grafton Affordable Housing Trust, to be used in accordance with CPA guidelines for community housing.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 6. EASEMENT TO NATIONAL GRID/MASS. ELECTRIC & OTHER UTILITIES FOR UNDERGROUND & ABOVE GROUND SYSTEM FOR TOWN BEACH AT 245 UPTON STREET

To see if the Town will vote to: (a) authorize the Select Board, for and on behalf of the Town and upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems in the best interests of the Town, to convey to the Massachusetts Electric Company and/or Verizon New England, Inc., and to such other utilities, if any, as may be necessary or advisable, to maintain and operate, for the transmission of electric current and intelligence, a perpetual easement to install, construct, reconstruct, repair, replace, add to, maintain

and operate an underground and above ground system and all necessary equipment, facilities and appurtenances, in, under, and at 245 Upton Street, where the existing Town Beach is located; and (b) authorize the Board to take any and all action necessary for the purpose of effectuating the foregoing vote, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Select Board Member Thomas: I move that the town vote to: (a) authorize the Select Board, for and on behalf of the Town and upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems in the best interests of the Town, to convey to the Massachusetts Electric Company and/or Verizon New England, Inc., and to such other utilities, if any, as may be necessary or advisable, to maintain and operate, for the transmission of electric current and intelligence, a perpetual easement to install, construct, reconstruct, repair, replace, add to, maintain and operate an underground and above ground system and all necessary equipment, facilities and appurtenances, in, under, and at 245 Upton Street, where the existing Town Beach is located; and (b) authorize the Board to take any and all action necessary for the purpose of effectuating the foregoing vote, or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE 7. EXTEND LEAVE PROVISIONS UNDER ARTICLE 20 OF THE PERSONNEL BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to extend the provisions of Article 20, Section 4-20, and allow for the carryover of more than ten (10) days of vacation time for employees, at the sole discretion of the Town Administrator, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, to expire June 30, 2021.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Select Board Member DeFazio: I move that the town vote to extend the provisions of Article 20, Section 4-20, and allow for the carryover of more than ten (10) days of vacation time for employees, at the sole discretion of the Town Administrator, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, to expire June 30, 2021.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 8. DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT 8 PINE STREET

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Select Board to dispose of the property at 8 Pine Street, pursuant to MGL Ch. 30B, under such terms and conditions as it deems to be in the best interests of the Town.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Select Board Member Carlson: I move that the Town will vote to allow the Select Board to dispose of the property at 8 Pine Street, pursuant to MGL Ch. 30B, under such terms and conditions as it deems to be in the best interests of the Town.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-thirds vote.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

The motion was seconded.

The Moderator declared the motion carried and declared the meeting adjourned.

A true copy,
Attest,

Kandy L. Lavallee
Town Clerk